

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 8-21 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

1. An apparatus for retrieval of storage units from a library, the apparatus comprising:
 - a first center column having a first arm with first and second ends wherein the first end of said first arm is attached to said first center column and said first arm extends substantially radially outward from said first center column;
 - a first hand attached to the second end of said first arm for manipulating storage units from the library;
 - a second center column having a second arm with first and second ends wherein the first end of the second arm is attached to the second center column and said second arm extends substantially radially outward from said second center column; and
 - a second hand attached to the second end of said second arm for manipulating storage units from the library; wherein
 - said first arm and said second arm rotate about a same vertical axis of rotation;
 - and
 - each arm and hand is independently moveable from the other arm and hand.
2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said first center column is attached at one end to a ceiling of the library and said second center column is attached at one end to a floor of the library.
3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each of said hands is moveable longitudinally along a respective one of said arms.
4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each of said center columns is substantially cylindrically symmetric.